City of Barrie
Meeting Agenda
Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, March 05, 2026
05:30 PM
Sir Robert Barrie Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1 Presentation by Development Services regarding Parks Strategic Plan Community Engagement

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

3.1 Sustainability in Building

3.2 Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit On the Move Campaign

3.3 Pollinator Protection Strategy

3.4 Repair Cafe and City Swap Days

3.5 Barrie Conservation Trust

4. REFERRED ITEMS

Nil.

5. REPORTS/MEMORANDUMS TO COMMITTEE

Nil.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Hello Members of the Sustainability Advisory Committee:

Parks Planning (Development Services) has launched our community engagement segment of our Parks Strategic Plan, and we'd like to invite your comments.

Barrie's population is expected to reach 298,000 people by 2051. As the city grows, parks must grow with it.

What is a Parks Strategic Plan?

The Parks Strategic Plan will create a framework for how parks and outdoor recreation facilities in Barrie are developed and improved.

This plan will deliver a community-informed and sustainability-focused roadmap for future parkland and outdoor recreation services in Barrie.

Why are Parks important?

Parks are essential to community well-being: a well-designed park system enhances quality of life, supports the economy, and helps build a healthy community.

What Environmental Functions Do Parks Provide?

- Climate resilience (water infiltration, cooling, shade, drought resistance, reducing heat islands)
- Air Quality (oxygen production, air purification)
- Protecting lake and watercourse health
- Protecting and Increasing biodiversity, habitat and wildlife food sources

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What will the Parks Strategic Plan be looking at?

- What community values, principles, and desires should be incorporated into the planning of future parks and park redevelopment projects;
- Which outdoor recreation facilities and amenities should be distributed where across Barrie;
- **How to recognize the environmental functions of parks and develop policies to restore, support and improve ecological functioning.**
- How and where to apply funding for the acquisition of new parkland.
- How to best deliver park services, including building new parks, maintaining parks and revitalizing existing parks.

How can the Sustainability Advisory Committee help?

1. **How can we make parks more sustainable? Please feel free to share your comments relating to creating a sustainable, efficient, healthy and resilient parkland system by email directly to wendy.loevenmark@barrie.ca.**

2. Please take the Survey! See link below:

Please take the online Survey on buildingbarrie.ca. Open until March 22, 2026.

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